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Enclosed herewith for filing is a patent application, as follows:

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Title: Propagating Results of a Volume-Changing Operation to Replicated Nodes

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|              |                 | = 4             |           | \$ 72.00  |

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